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SUBJECT: STATUS OF CAPTAIN MAKONNEN

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(B) CMAAG DTG 161100Z SEP 74

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1. ON 18 SEPT, DEPARTMENT INFORMED CAPT. MAKONNEN THAT MEMBERS ROYAL FAMILY WERE DETAINED, SAFE AND IN GOOD HEALTH. ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY ADVISES THAT CAPT. MAKONNEN VISITED THERE 19 SEPT AND DEPARTED FOR GENEVA, EXPRESSING INTENTION TO RETURN IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO RESUME TRAINING AT FT. KNOX. EMBASSY DID NOT PROVIDE TRAVEL ITINERARY.

2. ON BASIS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND APTITUDE, USAARMS FEELS TWO-WEEK ABSENCE WILL NOT PREVENT SATISFACTORY COURSE COMPLETION. HOWEVER, USAARMS GRANTED NO WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR ABSENCE FEELING THIS MIGHT BE INTERPRETED INCORRECTLY AS EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL PREFERENCE DURING PERIOD OF US-ETHIOPIAN

RELATIONS MADE SENSITIVE BY DEPOSITION OF CAPT.
MAKONNEN'S GRANDFATHER, EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE.

3. SINCE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY QUERIES CONCERNING
CAPT. MAKONNEN MIGHT DERIVE FROM EITHER ROUTINE MOD

UPDATING PROCESS OR AFCC IN QUEST OF INFORMATION
FOR POLITICAL REASONS, WE SUGGEST THAT INQUIRERS
OR THIS SUBJECT BE TOLD TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO
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